

**Amendments to the Abstract**

Please **amend** the abstract as follows:

-- The method for copying data from a tape onto a storage medium comprises the steps of scanning the tape in a fast winding operation (~~B~~), counting control pulses present on the tape during the fast winding operation in a counter, defining a compression rate in dependency of the number of control pulses and the capacity of the optical medium (~~C, D, E~~), reading the data from the tape and writing the data onto the storage medium by using said compression rate (~~G~~). The appliance comprises a media recorder, a tape recorder and a micro-controller for performing the method. The appliance allows in particular, copying in an automated procedure all information being recorded on the tape onto the storage medium via a one touch copy operation, by making optimum use of the capacity of the storage medium.--